

REMARKS

The present communication is filed in response to the Final Rejection mailed March 27, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed September 8, 2006. Of the pending claims, claims 1, 7 and 13 are independent claims. All the other claims pending in the application, namely claims 4-6, 10-12 and 14-23, depend from one of the independent claims.

A three-month extension (less the fee of the one-month extension previously filed) of the time to respond, up to and including, September 27, 2006 is filed concurrently herewith.

Although applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's arguments in the Advisory Action, in an effort to advance prosecution, applicants have amended the claims to more clearly distinguish them over the prior art.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to now recite "a pre-stored bit-rate value that indicates the bit-rate of said transport stream data before receipt of said transport stream by said receiving unit and corresponds to a country of origin of the broadcast."

Claim 7 has been amended to now recite "the bit rate value indicating the bit rate of the transport stream to be received by the receiver and corresponding to a country of origin of the received transport stream data."

Claim 13 has been amended to now recite "the bit rate value indicating a country of origin of the broadcast and the data rate of the transport stream to be received by the receiver."

Support for the foregoing amendments to claims 1, 7 and 13 may be found by reference to, for example, paragraphs [0003] and [0004] of the written description. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added to the application as a result of the present amendments.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as

amended are distinguishable over the prior art as none of the references of record disclose or suggest storing of value that corresponds to "a country of origin of [a] broadcast." This feature is recited in claims 1, 7 and 13. In addition, all the other claims pending in the application depend from one of these claims. Thus, applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are allowable over the prior art.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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